(a) the number of Bangladeshis who have unauthorisedly settled in Mumbai at present;

(b) whether many of them have been found to be involved in criminal cases like theft, robbery and terrorist activities; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) There are reports that some Bangladeshi nationals are settled unauthorisedly in Mumbai. However, as and when they are detected action is taken by the State Government to deport them under section 3(2) (c) of the Foreigners Act, 1946. The powers to deport foreign nationals have been vested with Central Government as well as the State Government. Moreover, a detailed procedure for detection and deportation of illegal Bangladeshi immigrants has also been set out and circulated to State Governments/UT Administrations who are implementing the same on a continuous basis.

(b) and (c) As and when such persons are detected, cases are registered against them by the local police authorities under the relevant laws. In those cases where the foreigner is arrested and action taken under the relevant Acts, the foreigner is deported/repatriated only after completion of his sentence. The foreigner is deported under Section 3(2)(c) of the Foreigners Act. Case specific data in this regard is not centrally maintained.

Steps taken for internal security

2799. SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken for the internal security so far;

(b) the details discussed with each State especially with Andhra Pradesh;

(c) the decisions arrived at so far; and

(d) the funds allocated for this purpose and recruitment of staff made for internal security?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) As part of an ongoing exercise, several steps have been taken and are being taken to strengthen and upgrade the capabilities of security and intelligence agencies both at the Central level and the State level, so as to meet threats to internal security of the country. These measures include augmenting the strength of Central Para-Military Forces; the CISF Act has been amended to enable deployment of CISF in joint ventures or private industrial undertakings; operationalization of NSG hubs at Chennai, Kolkata, Hyderabad and Mumbai; granting legal powers to DG, NSG for requisitioning aircraft for movement of NSG personnel in the event of any emergency; strengthening and re-organising of Multi-Agency Centre in the Intelligence Bureau to enable it to function on 24X7 basis for real time collation and sharing of intelligence with all other intelligence and security agencies of the

Central and State Governments/Union Territories; online and secure connectivity between Multi-Agency Centre, Subsidiary Multi-Agency Centres and State Special Branches; amendments in the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 to strengthen the punitive measures to combat terrorism, operationalization of the National Investigation Agency to investigate and prosecute offences under the Acts in the Schedule; etc.

(b) and (c) Internal Security situation in the country as a whole and in a particular State is reviewed from time to time, and decisions arrived in such meetings are taken up with the concerned State(s)/ Agencies for implementation. Internal Security situation in Andhra Pradesh was reviewed recently, wherein issues relating security of vital installations, security environment in Hyderabad City and certain other locations, coastal security, NSG hub, etc. were discussed.

(d) 'Police' and 'Public Order' are state subjects as per the Constitution. However, the Government is providing financial assistance for raising India Reserve Battalions. The Government also provides financial assistance to the States to meet the emerging challenges of policing under various Schemes such as, inter alia, Modernization of State Police Forces; Reimbursement under Security Related Expenditure Schemes for J&K, NE States and naxal affected States; and also for need-specific policing by way of Mega City Policing Scheme; Desert Policing Scheme; Coastal Security Scheme; Border Area Development Scheme.

Need for inter-State border roads

2800. SHRI SILVIUS CONDPAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state whether Government would examine the need of inter-State border roads so as to facilitate the people living in the border areas and also consequently solve the long pending inter-State border problems all over the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): Ministry of Road Transport & Highways has intimated that there is no scheme to develop inter-State border roads.

Strengthening security and intelligence apparatus to tackle naxalism

2801. DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA A. HEPTULLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether naxals have become greater threat than previous years with targeted attacks on police men and security officials;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that naxals are getting help from some elements outside of India;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) what has been done to weed out informers, present within the system in the nasal affacted States; and